The Annual meeting of the Rhode Island State Council of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision was held on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at the Justice Bourcier Conference Room, Rhode Island Supreme Court, Licht Judicial Complex, 250 Benefit Street, Providence, RI.

The Members of the Council are as follows:

A.T. Wall – Present
Richard DelFino – Present
Kevin Dunphy – Present
Margaret Langhammer – Present

Also present were:

Jeffrey Renzi – DOC Community Corrections Shelley Cortese – P&P Supervisor

Patricia Coyne-Fague – DOC Legal Donna Broccoli - DOC Adm. Office

Alan Goulart – Attorney General's Office Stephanie Harris – Attorney General's Office

Anthony Capraro – Public Defender's Office

 Meeting of the Rhode Island State Council of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) was called to order by A.T. Wall, Chair, at 1 p.m.

- Kevin Dunphy, Deputy Compact Administrator, gave an overview of the current state of the Rhode Island Interstate Office.
- o 2005 Interstate statistics were distributed and discussed.
- o It was noted that Massachusetts, being the last State not party to the new "Compact" joined in October 2005.
- Patricia Coyne-Fague gave a report on training initiatives.

Since the last meeting, she has worked with Kevin Dunphy training on the Interstate Compact issues. They conducted training with the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office. It is very helpful that prosecutors are aware of the "Compact" rules to assist with questions in the Courtrooms. Probation and Parole supervisors are also assisting the Judges with questions regarding the "Compact" rules.

All Rhode Island Judiciary were given Bench Books provided by the National Commission. The updated version of the Bench Books is available on the National Commission website – www.interstatecompact.org.

Training with the Public Defender's office is to be organized.

• A.T. Wall discussed the current state of the Rules Committee Issues. The Rules Committee has undergone changes since the Council last met. A.T. Wall was on the Rules Committee for its first two years. Kevin R. Dunphy is now on the Committee. The Rules Committee meets by teleconference as well as face-to-face meetings at the Interstate Compact headquarters in Kentucky.

Rules that were first developed have been adjusted in light of experience over time. When rule changes are proposed, they are discussed by the Rules Committee who then makes recommendations to the Commissioners for their consideration.

The primary issue now before the Rules Committee is retaking of an offender by the sending state. The Rules Committee is considering making any interstate warrant extraditable. The new "Compact" states that if the offender, that is being supervised in another state, commits three violations which would result in a violation being filed in the State of supervision, the sending state would be required to return the offender to their state. This could have a financial impact on the Attorney General's Office. A meeting should be held if this rule does pass. Kevin Dunphy will be attending a Rules Committee teleconference next week and a face-to-face Rules Committee meeting in June. He will keep A.T. Wall updated on the status of this issue.

• Kevin Dunphy discussed the current state of the National Adult

Compact Information System (NACIS), the national paperless offender tracking system. ICAOS is working with CSG (Council of State Governments) to produce a paperless, nation-wide database for the tracking of offenders. To date, software issues have held up the implementation of the database. It is hoped to be in place at the end of 2006.

Rhode Island has a NACIS working committee in place and has been meeting since September, 2005, to insure Rhode Island's readiness.

A motion was made by Richard DelFino and seconded by Alan Goulart to adjourn at 2:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

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